

Prayers of the People: 7 April 2024

Bidding: In your mercy,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we pray for your beautiful creation, scarred by plunder, pollution and
destruction.

In the wounds of the world, Jesus, let us see your wounds.

Risen God, bring new life to your creation, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we pray for the peoples of the world, scarred by cruelty, hatred and war.

In the wounds of your people, Jesus, let us see your wounds.

Risen God, bring new life to your people, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we pray for our nation, Aotearoa New Zealand, scarred by intolerance,
prejudice, and greed.

In the wounds of our nation, Jesus, let us see your wounds.

Risen God, bring new life to our country, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we pray for your church, scarred by division, discord and disobedience.

In the wounds of your church, Jesus, let us see your wounds.

Risen God, bring new life to your church, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we pray for the forgotten of our community, scarred by loneliness, rejection
and shame.

In the wounds of your little ones, Jesus, let us see your wounds.
Risen God, bring new life to our community, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we pray for the sick, the sad and the needy, scarred by sorrow, pain and
despair.

In the wounds of your suffering ones, Jesus, let us see your wounds.
Risen God, bring new life to those in need, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we pray for all who have died believing in you, and for those who have never
seen or known you.

Help us to recognise the marks of your presence among us, that we may see
and believe; and, at our life's end, stretch out your hands to draw us to your
eternal presence.

Risen God, in death and in life, bring new life to your people, and, in your
mercy,
hear our prayer.

Amen

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Janet Nelson, *Let Us Pray: Intercessions following the Revised Common Lectionary*,
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